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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/888,599

Applicants: Tatsuya TSUYUKI

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For: FIXING STRUCTURE FOR SOLID STATE IMAGE  
FORMING DEVICE, IMAGE DATA INPUT UNIT  
AND IMAGE DATA INPUT APPARATUS  
INCLUDING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2625

Examiner: GIBBS, Heather D.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : DATE ALLOWED: APRIL 20, 2006  
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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of April 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed April 20, 2006, paragraph 2 states in part:

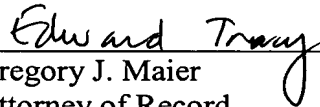
Claims 1-15 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches a fixing structure wherein a space is configured to receive a tool inserted therein, is formed between an intermediate holding member and an image focusing lens holding member and the intermediate holding member and the image focusing lens member are fixed by an adhesive material

and are separated by a tool, respectively, as taught in claims 1, and 6-8 including all of the features recited therein.

Although the above comment may be accurate with respect to Claims 1, 6, and 7, it is respectfully noted that independent Claim 8 does not include all of the elements recited above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement applies only to Claims 1, 6, and 7 (and claims dependent therefrom) and not to Claims 8-15.

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